

## *Health Affairs Staff—*

# To Develop Statewide Testimony

The Health Affairs staff will be concentrating on developing the text for the Statewide testimony before the Senate and House Appropriations hearings.

The Senate hearings are now set for May 12; and the House hearings are now tentatively set for May 13-14. The AFN delegation plans to travel from Alaska to Washington, D.C. the week of May 5.

On May 16 and 17, Workshop III on the Alaska Native Health Care Policy Statement will be held in Anchorage, at which time at least one technical staff person from each of the 12 Health Corporations will be developing options for implementation of the Health Care Policy Statement.

During this workshop, the participants will initially break into small groups corresponding to the four management functions

delineated in the Policy Statement:

1) planning; 2) financing; 3) providing services; and 4) monitoring and evaluating performance. During Workshop II, the options for implementing the Policy Statement will be presented to the Special Committee for review and to take action on the alternatives and to begin planning for the Third Statewide Conference on Rural Health. Also, in conjunction with these activities, pursuant to the Second Follow-up Workshop, a staff person from the Health Affairs Division will begin preparing a final report on the Second Rural Health Conference.

The Regional Health Directors, under the auspices of the Health Affairs Division, will be convening in Anchorage on May 27-30 to participate in the Contracts

Management Course, with emphasis on the administration of FY 76 contracts for Alaska Native Health Program Development.

The Health Affairs Division has concluded negotiating the agreement for the sponsorship of the National Health Service Corp in the State of Alaska, according to Carl Jack, Director.

The sponsorship of the NHSC will enable the Health Affairs Division the capability to monitor and evaluate the programs of the Delegate Agencies (Health Corporations) to insure delivery of quality health services.

The NHSC personnel shall function under the administrative personnel policies of the Alaska Federation of Natives, Inc. while they are located in the AFN offices, which will be approximately two years.